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REMARKS

Applicant elects species I as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The claims readable on species I are believed to be claims 11, 6 to 8, 12 and 13.

Applicant's agent does not understand why Fig. 4 is grouped with Figs. 1 and 2 in species I and Fig. 3 is not. The caster shown in Figs. 1 and 2 has a top member with a cylindrical bore for receiving the free end of a stub shaft and a counter bore concentric with the cylindrical bore. The caster shown in Fig. 3 has a top member with a cylindrical bore for receiving the free end of a stub shaft and a counter bore concentric with the cylindrical bore.

The caster shown in Figs. 1 and 2 has a bottom member with a cylindrical stub shaft extending toward the top member. The caster shown in Fig. 3 also has a bottom member with a cylindrical stub shaft extending toward the top member.

The caster shown in Fig. 4 has no top member with a cylindrical bore for receiving the free end of a stub shaft nor does the top member have a counter bore. The caster in Fig. 4 has no bottom member with a cylindrical stub shaft extending toward the top member.

The basic construction of the caster shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is replicated in the basic caster construction shown in Fig. 3, but not in Fig. 4. The examiner is correct in stating that the caster in Fig. 3 shows a step and the caster in Figs. 1 and 2 does not. The step is however merely an additional feature to the caster of Figs. 1 and 2 and it is believed that claim 14 should be properly grouped with claims showing 11, 6 to 8 and 12 and 13.